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		Application Number	10/829,467
		Filing Date	April 22, 2004
		First Named Inventor	HAGANO et al.
		Group Art Unit	3727
		Examiner Name	
		Attorney Docket Number	26BT-011-CIP

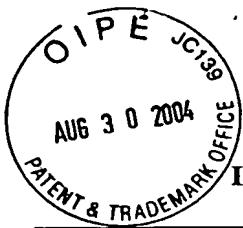
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Remarks

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm or Individual name	David G. Posz (Reg. No. 37,701) Posz & Bethards, PLC
Signature	
Date	August 30, 2004



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): HAGANO et al.

Atty. Dkt.: 26BT-011-CIP

Serial No.: 10/829,467

Group Art Unit: 3727

Filed: April 22, 2004

Examiner: Unknown

Title: FUEL CAP DEVICE

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: August 30, 2004  
(August 29, 2004 = Sunday)

**SUBMISSION OF FORMAL DRAWINGS**

**Attention: Official Draftsperson**

Sir:

The enclosed formal drawings (22 sheets, Figs 1-21B) are being submitted in connection with the above-identified patent application that was originally filed on the above-indicated date with informal drawings. Approval of these drawings and entry of these drawings into the file of the above application are respectfully requested.

It is respectfully requested that any additional fees be charged to Deposit Account 50-1147.

Respectfully submitted,

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**NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION**

08/31/2004 SDENB0B1 00000049 10829467

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

01 FC:1001 770.00 OP  
02 FC:1051 130.00 OP  
03 FC:1201 86.00 OP

*Filing Date Granted*

**Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:**

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 770 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Replacement drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 and 37 CFR 1.121 are required. The drawings submitted are not acceptable because:
  - The drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwriting, interlineations, folds, and copy marks. See Figure(s) 1-21A.
  - The drawing figures contain text that is not in English (including, for example, a flow chart that was originally not in English that has been marked up to include the English text) (see 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) and 37 CFR 1.52(d)(1)). See Figure(s) 7B-7E.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of **\$86** as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$986** for a Large Entity

- **\$770** Statutory basic filing fee.
- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is **\$86**
  - **\$86** for 1 independent claims over 3.

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION**

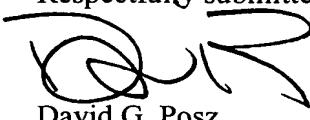
Sir:

This is in response to a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application mailed on June 29, 2004 in connection with the above application. Enclosed is a copy of said Notice, as well as the following documents and fees required to complete the filing requirements of the above application.

- Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. The above-identified application is the same application the inventors executed by signing the enclosed declaration
- Executed Assignment and Recordation Cover Sheet;
- Replacement Drawings (22 sheets: Figs. 1 – 21B) with Submission of Formal Drawings Transmittal Letter; and
- A check in the amount of \$1026 to cover the following fees:
  - Statutory filing fee of \$770;
  - Assignment Recordation Fee of \$40;
  - One Extra Independent Claim Fee of \$86 and
  - Missing parts surcharge of \$130.

It is respectfully requested that any additional fees be charged to Deposit Account 50-1147.

Respectfully submitted,



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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

 Applicant Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 1026)

## Complete if Known

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## METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

 Check  Credit card  Money Order  Other  None
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Deposit Account Number **50-1147**  
 Deposit Account Name **POSZ & BETHARDS, PLC**

The Commissioner is authorized to: (check all that apply)

Charge fee(s) indicated below  Credit any overpayments  
 Charge any additional fee(s) during the pendency of this application  
 Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee to the above-identified deposit account.

## FEE CALCULATION

## 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity
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Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	770	2001	385	Utility filing fee	<b>770</b>
1002	340	2002	170	Design filing fee	
1003	530	2003	265	Plant filing fee	
1004	770	2004	385	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	2005	80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 770)

## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims	18	-20** = 0	0
Independent Claims	4	-3** = 1	86
Multiple Dependent			

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 86)

\*\* or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

## 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity
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Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	2051	65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	<b>130</b>
1052	50	2052	25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053	130	1053	130	Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812	2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251	55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	2252	210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	2253	475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	2254	740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	2255	1005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	2401	165	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	2402	165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	2403	145	Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	1451	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	2453	665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	2501	665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	2502	240	Design issue fee	
1503	640	2503	320	Plant issue fee	
1460	130	1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	<b>40</b>
1809	770	2809	385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
1810	770	2810	385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
1801	770	2801	385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802	900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 170)

## SUBMITTED BY

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Signature				Date	August 30, 2004

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